

PAPERS BY THE PEOPLE

JEALOUSY IS NO PROOF OF LOVE.



If jealousy be proof of love, that love is love of self. It rushes eagerly to sacrifice affection upon the altar of its own vanity and selfishness, and never hesitates to drag the so-called sovereign of its heart captive at the chariot wheels of its caprice. A great love must of necessity be unselfish, too full of the beloved to think of self, prizing all its talents and possessions, great or small, only as something to offer with itself. Love is love as well as king, and serves faithfully, joyfully, taking pride in its humility, and ready always to sacrifice itself with alacrity for the use and behoof of the beloved. There may be some men, and more women, who, upon making the bitter discovery that the heart which they coveted for their own had been given to another, have not only put their own claims unselfishly aside but have also done what they could to make the person so dearly loved happy with that other. Can any one deny that such affection, counting its own happiness as naught in comparison with that of its object, is far more pure and devoted than the self-seeking passion which claims everything as its own, and begrudges even the crumbs which fall from its table—the mad desire which has been sung by poets, and which nowadays occasionally figures in the police courts as preferring to slaughter the object of its fierce devotion rather than relinquish it to another? No; a thousand times no! Unselfishness is the strongest proof which love can give in evidence of its own truth and sincerity.

There is a faint shadow of apology in the case of the mother—the natural pang of "to bear, to rear, to lose," the giving way to another. And there is far too much truth in the old adage, "Your son is your son till he gets him a wife." It cannot be denied that wives are far more likely to be touchy, not to say jealous, of their husbands' mothers, than mothers are with regard to their sons' wives. Mother love is, or ought to be, the most unselfish sentiment upon earth, and it is to be hoped and believed comparatively few mothers would condemn their sons to lonely lives in order that they may keep them all to themselves until the inevitable day comes when they must leave them. But for the sister's jealousy there is no possible excuse. What right has any sensible woman to expect her brother to keep single for her sake? Yet time and again all sorts of family differences and quarrels arise purely from bitter opposition to a brother's choice of a wife. Nor—singular fact—is it by any means the case that the women who keenly resent their brother's thoughts of marriage are willing to give up matrimony on his account. On the contrary, they are ready and willing to say "Yes" to the first fairly good offer; nay, sometimes are already engaged or even married, in which latter condition of affairs they are selfish for their children as well as themselves.

THE GROWTH OF HUMANITARIANISM.

By John S. Shortall, President of Illinois Humane Society.

The conflict that has been going on for so many centuries between the forces of kindness and cruelty, of barbarism and civilization, still continues. The last 100 years has seen the greatest progress in the practical development of humane sentiment. Animals ceased to be merely the property of their owners but became through the development and application of the divine emotions of mercy and justice clothed with certain inherent rights. The most notable public recognition of the evidence of this humane sentiment occurred when Lord Erskine stood up in his place in the House of Peers in 1811 and in gentle and appealing tone pleaded the cause of justice to the lower animals. Side by side with Lord Erskine stood that great apostle of kindness, Richard Martin, who then represented the County Galway in both the Irish and British parliaments, whose boast was that between his entrance gate and his hall door lay thirty good Irish miles. Upon this vast estate the first humane society took form, for cruelty was punished by "Humanity Martin," he being himself judge, counsel and jury, and the offender was either committed to jail on the spot or received adequate punishment at the hands of "Humanity Martin" himself.

The late Henry Bergh, of New York, in 1860, thirty-two years later, founded the New York society; in 1868 the Massachusetts and Pennsylvania societies were organized, and in the following year the Illinois Humane Society was chartered by the State and organized. Now there are few of our sister States in which protection is not given to helpless animals and the organization of humane societies and the organization of humane societies thereunder.

These societies have always encouraged that mode of education of children known as bands of mercy, and in this interest nearly every public school in Chicago has been visited and such bands of mercy formed. The continuance and efficacy of such bands necessarily depend upon the interest of the teachers in and their devotion to the humane cause. Chicago has two ambulances with horses and a most competent man in charge for the relief and transportation of suffering animals.

At an early day the society began the erection of street fountains, of which there are now over sixty in convenient places throughout the city of Chicago, ministering to the wants of man and beast, and for two or three years the society undertook the administration of the city dog pound. There exists the utmost cordiality between this society and all its correspondents. The grand sum of all this humane work that is proceeding everywhere to-day throughout the civilized world would be impossible to estimate.

"He prayeth well, who loveth well
Both man and bird and beast.
He prayeth best, who loveth best
All things both great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all."

CAPITAL AND LABOR SHOULD BE FRIENDLY.

By Senator Marcus A. Hanna.

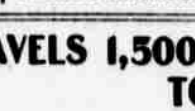
If there are men who from force of circumstances and their environments do not feel competent to decide questions of interest for themselves, for that class organization is a good thing, and it is a good thing to have leaders. Dignify labor by conservative action and by choosing as representatives men who fully appreciate and fully understand both sides of the question, men who do not feel it to be their duty to go into a fight for the sake of a "scrap."

My proposition is, first, that the interests of capital and labor are mutual; second, that because of the greater experience and, if you please, greater intelligence of the employers as a whole, it makes their responsibility greater, and they should go more than halfway.

CURE FOR THE TRUST EVIL.

By Governor Cummins of Iowa.

It is my firm belief that if all corporations are so organized that the aggregate par value of their bonds and stocks is limited to the actual value of the capital contributed to the corporation the trust question will not long vex the people of the United States. The corporation or association that is brought into existence for the express purpose of suppressing competition by the purchase or consolidation of independent plants covering the whole field and that proposes to destroy the force of potential competition by the same method is a vicious and unlawful combination, and all the powers of government should be employed for its annihilation.



GOV. CUMMINS.

FAMILY TRAVELS 1,500 MILES TO CHICAGO IN BIG WAGON



THE COVERED WAGON. MR. PRATT AND FAMILY.

Walter J. Pratt, a former Wyoming rancher, reached Chicago the other day with his family after a 1,500 trip from Rock Springs, Wyo., in a covered wagon. It took Pratt just seven weeks to make the journey. He was a cattle rancher and after selling his ranch he decided to move East, and to make the trip in true Western style. A covered wagon was secured and he immediately proceeded to make it ready for the journey. A spring bed was fitted to the rear of the wagon, and a stove, table and all the necessary articles they had use for were placed in the vehicle.

Two of Pratt's best horses were hitched to the wagon and then the trip commenced. The travelers stopped only to feed and rest the horses. In the evening the horses were unhitched and allowed to roam the prairies. Stops were made at all cities to get supplies. Pratt is the possessor of a valuable farm near Higgins Lake, Michigan, and after a short stay in Chicago started for that locality, with team, wagon and family.

NO WATER MAY BE NEEDED.

Agricultural Department Considers the Problem of Dry Farming.

It is probable that in the near future it will be possible to raise good crops without either natural or artificial irrigation. As is apparent to everyone, even the most liberal system of irrigation will not exhaust the available arid and semi-arid regions of the west, as even when irrigation has been applied to its utmost limits there will remain some millions of acres of fertile land that adjoin these reclaimed wastes. The lands lie principally between the one hundredth and the one hundredth and twentieth meridians and comprise areas over which there is a deficient rainfall, with no available neighboring sources of supply which might be brought to them even by canals.

But the department of agriculture has other resources to fall back upon. If the customary crops require water why not develop new crops that can be grown dry? This, in substance, is the problem the bureau of plant industry has set for itself. Dry land farming or "dry farming" is the name of this unique scheme. Just now the world is being searched for industrial plants that can sustain life and mature crops with a minimum of water and an elaborate life study of all such plants is under way.

Oldest Family in the World.

Of the 400 barons in the British House of Lords about a dozen of them date back to 1400, the earliest being 1204. The oldest family in the British Isles is the Mar family in Scotland, 1068. The Campbells, of Argyle, began in 1190. Talleyrand dates from 1199, and Bismarck from 1270. The Grosvenor family, the Duke of West-

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